27-3-2000, due to non-submission of technical clarifications/utilisation certificates by the State Governments.

(b) No water supply scheme for rural areas of Gujarat is pending for approval with Central Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Hashim Committee

4095. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the major recommendations of Hashim Committee constituted by the Planning Commission;

(b) whether Government have taken any action on those major recommendations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) The gist of Hashim Committee recommendations is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Based on the recommendations of the Hashim Committee, Government have restructured a number of programmes of this Ministry. In place of erstwhile Self-Employment and allied programmes—Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM). Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Supply of Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisans (SITRA), and Ganga Kalyan Yojana (GKY)—as well as Million Wells Scheme (MWS), a new programme *viz.* Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has been launched from 1st April, 1999. The erstwhile programme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) has been restructured and in its place Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) has been launched from 1st April, 1999. Likewise Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) has also been restructured with effect from 1st April, 1999.

STATEMENT

1. IRDP would continue to be the single self-employment programme targeted to families below the poverty line in the rural areas of the country.

2. As far as possible, there should be a concerted effort to move away from individual beneficiary approach to a group approach. Preference shall always be given to group activities.

3. A cluster approach should be preferred wherein a few specified activities are identified for assistance in an area.

4. Quantum of subsidy should be standardized for all categories of beneficiaries, at Rs. 7500. The project cost should range between Rs. 25000 to 50000. The subsidy credit ratio of 1:2 should be enhanced. For group ventures, the subsidy will continue to be 1.25 lakh or 50% of the project cost whichever is less, with necessary safeguards.

5. Improved Toolkits to Rural artisans should be financed from within IRDP in consonance with its funding pattern, rather than being a separate scheme. The subsidy should be used for purchase of Toolkits, raw materials and meeting other working capital needs.

6. States should take up one or two trades for intensive research and develop toolkits specific to these trades.

7. Intervention towards skill upgradation of the rural artisans and marketing of their finished products would have to be strengthened commensurately.

8. TRYSEM would be a part of IRDP and not a separate sub-scheme.

9. Training would have to be given a sharper employment focus. Accordingly, the design, duration of training and the training curriculum would have to be restructured and synthesised with area specific employment opportunities that have a market.

10. Skill upgradation under this programme would be imparted through recognised training institutes, ITIs, master craftsmen etc.,

11. The training package under TRYSEM would also be extended to other self-employment programmes that are targeted towards skill upgradation of poor families.

12. DWCRA would continue as a separate sub-scheme. Group strategy under DWCRA should be the main plank for achieving the 40% reservation for women under IRDP.

13. 20% of IRDP would continue to be earmarked for strengthening programme infrastructure providing forward and backward linkages and marketing support.

14. Sharing of funding between the Centre and the States should be in the ratio of 80 : 20 or 75 : 25.

15. IRDP would be implemented by the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) as at present.

Allocation for RD Schemes in NER

4096. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the allocation for the North-East Region for the rural development schemes;

(b) whether it is a fact that allocation to the North-East States has been reduced drastically; and

(c) if so, whether it has affected the development of the economy in the North-East States ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA) : (a) The allocation for the North-East Region for the rural development schemes since the year 1997-98 is given below :—

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	407.42
1998-99	661.90
1999-2000	562.96
2000-2001	976.00 (provisional)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Houses constructed under IAY in Orissa

4097. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an estimated five lakh houses were proposed to be constructed in the Cyclone affected areas in Orissa under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);